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Lebanon

Israeli Approval of Evacuation Plan -- Israel has approved the draft arrangement for the evacuation of all the "terrorists" from Beirut and Lebanon submitted to the Cabinet by U.S. envoy Philip Habib, the Cabinet secretary announced in a 19 August statement broadcast by IDF radio. Noting that the Cabinet approved the agreement in a special session during which further clarifications were received from the Americans, Jerusalem radio said the United States has made it clear that the "terrorists" will release an IDF soldier they kidnapped in Beirut on 18 August along with the Israeli pilot they hold. Earlier, Israel told Habib that the evacuation cannot proceed unless the kidnapped soldier is returned along with the pilot, according to the radio. Israel notified the United States that it takes a "severe view" of cease-fire violations and also transmitted "serious warnings" to Syria to stop the violations perpetrated by the "terrorists" operating under Syria's aegis in eastern Lebanon, the radio said.

Providing details of the evacuation agreement, Jerusalem radio said around 13,000 PLO "terrorists," 5,200 Syrian and affiliated soldiers and 1,000 foreigners will leave Beirut within a 2-week period. The IDF will attempt to photograph all the departing "terrorists," the radio noted.

Lebanese Approval of Plan, Presidential Election Postponement -- The Lebanese Cabinet decided to request the dispatch of multinational forces to Beirut and approved the plan worked out by U.S. envoy Habib on the evacuation of the PLO, Beirut radio reported. In remarks by Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan carried by the radio after the 18 August Cabinet meeting, he asserted that all "obstacles and ambiguities" have been removed and there are no outstanding problems. Al-Wazzan revealed that "E-Day" will be decided within 24 hours and that the entire evacuation process will take 15 days. In a television interview later that evening, reported by Voice of Lebanon radio, Al-Wazzan said the evacuation plan is part of the Lebanese Government's required program that Israeli, Palestinian and Syrian forces all leave Lebanon.

The Chamber of Deputies postponed its presidential election session until 23 August. In an 18 August statement carried by Beirut radio, the Chamber of Deputies Bureau stressed that a minimum level of security around the Chamber of Deputies building had not even been achieved and that the postponed election session will be held in the War College. Beirut radio reported that shells were fired in the Mansur Palace area during the evening; Jerusalem radio said the firing was between the Lebanese Army and the "terrorists."

Lebanese Front Military Commander Bashir al-Jumayyil described the postponement as "favorable as long as it preserved Lebanese unity," Voice of Lebanon radio reported; earlier the radio carried a Lebanese Front announcement nominating Al-Jumayyil as candidate for the Presidency. Meanwhile, a meeting of Lebanese Sunni, Shi'ite and Druze leaders decided to boycott the election session until sufficient time is allowed to agree on a common candidate, according to Beirut radio and AFP reports.

Future of PLO Leadership -- Tunisian authorities have agreed to receive PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat in Tunis, well-informed sources cited by Voice of Lebanon radio said. However, in a statement to the SANA correspondent in Beirut, reported by Damascus radio, Secretary General of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine Nayif Hawatimah declared that the PLO leadership will be located in Syria, along with its administrative and political infrastructure, because Syria has fought alongside the Palestinians and Damascus has housed the PLO headquarters.

Cease-Fire, Military Situation -- The "terrorists" killed two Israeli soldiers and wounded four more in an ambush east of Beirut and also kidnapped an Israeli soldier near the Burj al-Barajinah camp, according to statements by the IDF spokesman reported by IDF

radio and ITIM. The IDF responded to the cease-fire violations in the eastern sector, killing two "terrorists" near 'Ammiq, but did not return fire in the Beirut area. Meanwhile, car-bomb explosions near the Palestine Research Center in west Beirut injured five people, according to the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio. The radio also reported that the Israelis have reinforced their troops in the Al-Biqa' Valley with an armored battalion.

The IDF is holding 296 Syrian prisoners while the Syrians may hold 6 missing Israelis, MA'ARIV reported citing the IDF Manpower Branch chief.

Inter-Arab Affairs

Khaddam-Fahd Talks -- Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam returned to Syria after meeting briefly with Saudi King Fahd in At-Ta'if, Damascus television reported. Noting that a Saudi source described the talks as "very important," Monte Carlo radio said topics discussed included the Lebanese presidential elections, the future of the Syrian presence in Lebanon and the resumption of the Arab summit conference. Saudi Arabia stressed that it supports any candidate for the Lebanese Presidency acceptable to the majority of Lebanese and that regardless of who the candidate is, Lebanon must have a strong legal authority to impose its control over Lebanese territory. While the Saudis believe Syria must withdraw from Lebanon if asked to do so by the legitimate Lebanese authorities, Syria believes any withdrawal should be postponed until a unanimous decision is made on the issue at the reconvened Arab summit conference, the radio added. Khaddam told the Saudis that Syria is ready to discuss King Fahd's Middle East peace plan at the summit prior to accepting it.

Al-Qadhdhafi Summit Participation -- The Arab League is contacting Libya in an attempt to persuade Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi to participate in the forthcoming Arab summit conference, KUNA reported citing an Arab official in Rabat.

Iran-Iraq War

In a statement carried by Baghdad radio, an Iraqi military spokesman announced that Khark Island oil installations were shelled by Iraq as a "last warning" to foreign oil tankers entering the area and to Iran to stop bombing Iraqi cities. The Iranian Navy commander responded to Iraqi threats by reassuring commercial shipping that the Persian Gulf is guarded by the Iranian Navy and that the Iraqi claims are "empty propaganda," IRNA reported. According to reports cited by Tehran radio, Iranian forces fired on an Iraqi supply column on the Al-Faw-Basra road, killing 70 Iraqis. Meanwhile, an Iranian commander asserted that several areas in Ilam Province are still occupied by Iraqi forces, IRNA reported.

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KARMAL, KESHTMAND REPLY TO BREZHNEV, TIKHONOV

LD181802 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] The following reply telegram from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and Soltan Ali Keshtmand, DRA chairman of the Council of Ministers, addressed to L.I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and president of the USSR Supreme Soviet, and Nikolay A. Tikhonov, chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, has been communicated to Moscow.

Comrade L.I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and president of the USSR Supreme Soviet; Comrade N.A. Tikhonov, chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers: On behalf of the people of Afghanistan, the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council and Council of Ministers and also on our own behalf we express our deep and hearty thanks for your warm fraternal greetings on the 63d anniversary of Afghanistan's independence.

More than 60 years ago the freedom-loving people of Afghanistan in their heroic struggle against foreign colonialists defended the independence of their beloved country. The people of Afghanistan well remember that the Soviet state in those years under the leadership of V.I. Lenin, officially recognized independent and sovereign Afghanistan before any other state. Since then Afghanistan's relations with the country of the Soviets, which are based on the principles of friendship, good-neighborliness, respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity, and reciprocal and fruitful cooperation with equal rights have been developed in the interests of the people of both countries.

Since the victory of the April Revolution in Afghanistan, relations between our countries have risen to new higher qualitative levels. The Soviet Union is loyal to its internationalist duty. It has extended and is extending selfless fraternal aid to the people of Afghanistan to safeguard the gains of the revolution against the intrigues of the enemies of our free, independent and progressive country. The Soviet Union's aid to the people of Afghanistan in building a new and just society, which has been taking place under the leadership of the PDPA, is great and valuable. The unbreakable friendship and fraternal cooperation with the Soviet Union give inspiration for new victories in the interest of our noble and proud people and in the interest of peace in the region and throughout the world.

On behalf of the people of Afghanistan, the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Government and Revolutionary Council and also on behalf of ourselves we wish prosperity to the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Soviet Government and personally to you dear comrades, L.I. Brezhnev and N.A. Tikhonov.

[Signed] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council; Soltan Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers

GUERRILLAS TARGET SOVIET INSTALLATIONS

BK181726 Hong Kong AFP in English 1711 GMT 18 Aug 82

[By Sami Zubeiri]

[Text] Islamabad, Aug. 18 (AFP) -- Moslem guerrillas, in what was seen here as changed strategy, have selected Soviet installations in Afghanistan as targets, reports from Kabul said.

According to Afghan sources here, the last week's "unusually heavy firing" around the well-guarded Soviet Embassy building as reported by Western diplomats in Kabul was "carefully planned attack" which followed raids on Soviet diplomatic quarters in the Afghan capital.

The previous day, on August 10, rebels attacked Kabul's Makrorian area, where most of the Russian advisors and high-ranking ruling members live, resistance sources in Pakistan said. The attack lasted several hours. The exact number of casualties was not known.

The same day they launched rocket attack on the Defence Ministry offices near Kabul's Darul Aman region, where senior Soviet military advisors also work, the guerrilla sources said. One political counsel identified as Sarmast, a senior Afghan army officer, and eight soldiers of the 80th Afghan Battalion were killed beside some unidentified Russians, the rebels said.

The Russians considered themselves relatively safe in Kabul, but the recent wave of attacks has caused concern in official circles, rebel sources said, adding that the security around the Soviet Embassy and their residential quarters has been intensified.

However, their "harassment" continues and the Russians, despite three years of their intervention, were finding life difficult in Afghanistan, the sources said.

They quoted an incident early this month when two Russians were killed in a guerrilla ambush in Hood Khel orchard where they had gone to pick up grapes.

Western diplomatic sources meanwhile said that the army vehicles provide escort to Russian shoppers in Kabul bazaars.

They agreed that the Russians have not been able to adjust themselves to the difficult situation in Afghanistan.

REBELS ANNIHILATE SOVIET MILITARY COLUMN

LD182110 Tehran in English to Europe 1930 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] The Afghan Muslim freedom fighters, in an attack on a military column of the Soviet forces in the Province of Qandahar, south Afghanistan, totally annihilated it.

In the course of these operations, 110 tanks of the Soviet forces, including many of their personnel, were killed.

Another report further indicates: in the course of (?clashes) which took place between the Afghan Muslim freedom fighters and the Soviet and Afghan governmental forces on one hand and the clashes in the streets of the city of Herat on the other, 14 Afghan and Soviet forces were killed and Soviet personnel carrier was set ablaze as well.

REBELS INJURE NIMRUZ GOVERNOR, FREE 79 PRISONERS

BK181102 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] The Afghan freedom fighters are reported to have carried out daring attacks on the governor's house, jail and cantonement of (Daranj) in Nimruz, close to the Iranian border.

As a result of this 8-hour-long operation involving bloody fighting, the freedom fighters secured the release of 79 detained persons including their fellow mujahidin. There were casualties on both sides. The governor of Nimruz is also reported to have been injured.

The freedom fighters also captured a sizeable quantity of arms and ammunition including 23 Kalashnikov rifles. The report adds that untold atrocities were being committed on the persons detained in (Daranj) jail whom the freedom fighters got released.

YUGOSLAVIA'S VLAJKOVIC PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT

Talks With Ershad

BK171306 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 17 Aug 82

[Excerpts] Formal Talks were held between Bangladesh and Yugoslavia in Dacca today. The talks lasted 2 and 1/2 hours.

An official spokesman told newsmen after the talks that the two sides held wide-ranging discussions relating particularly to the forthcoming nonaligned summit. Bilateral, regional and international issues were also discussed.

The spokesman said the talks were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere.

Yugoslav presidential member Radovan Vlajkovic led the Yugoslav side at the talks.

The Bangladesh side was led by Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt Gen H.M. Ershad.

Earlier, the chief martial law administrator called on the visiting Yugoslav leader at Bangabhavan. They discussed matters of mutual interest during the 40-minute meeting.

Addresses Luncheon

BK171652 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 17 Aug 82

[Text] Chief Martial Law Administrator [CMLA] Lt Gen H.M. Ershad has said Bangladesh and Yugoslavia hold identical views on the need of solidarity and unity against Israeli aggression and flagrant violation of international laws. The CMLA was speaking at a luncheon party hosted by him in honor of the visiting Yugoslav Presidency member, Radovan Vlajkovic, in the army officers mess.

Gen Ershad said the Israeli attack on Lebanon, the Palestinian problem and the future of Jerusalem had created a serious problem in recent history. He expressed the confidence that the Nonaligned Movement can build up an atmosphere for adoption of a united stand against Israeli aggression on Lebanon and its flagrant violation of international norms.

Referring to the Iran-Iraq war, the CMLA said the conflict should end to enable us to engage all our efforts for peace and progress. Gen Ershad said Bangladesh had always supported the struggle of freedom-loving people and raised their voice in support of the bloc of ending colonialism, establishment of the voice of self-determination of all nations and socioeconomic development. The present government would continue to pursue this policy and objectives, he added.

Turning to the home front, the CMLA said we are determined to give maximum benefit to our people through a new decentralized system which will help establish social justice and regenerate the economy. The government has taken some reformatory measures which will make the country self-reliant on the domestic front, while we will make true (?representation) of state sovereignty abroad following the principles of the Nonaligned Movement. He said he was sure that the Islamic Conference, the Nonaligned Movement and the various agencies of the United Nations will be able to realize the significance of our efforts.

In reply, Yugoslav Presidency member Radovan Vlajkovic said his visit has created better understanding between Bangladesh and Yugoslavia on all subjects. We feel concerned about the current international situation and we have identical views of the problems the world is facing now, he added.

In the evening, Radovan Vlajkovic attended a civic reception given in his honor at Banga Bhavan. In reply to an address of welcome given by Minister for Local Government Mahbubur Rahman, Vlajkovic said the developing countries should cooperate more in all fields particularly in the fields of agriculture, food production and relevant technology. He said both Bangladesh and Yugoslavia have been closely cooperating in strengthening the Nonaligned Movement. Both the countries have common background in the struggle for freedom and independence and both are striving for the common cause of world peace and tranquility.

Welcoming the distinguished guest, Minister for Local Government Mahbubur Rahman expressed the hope that the visit of Vlajkovic will strengthen and deepen the existing friendly relations between the two countries. The Yugoslav leader was presented the golden key of the city of Dacca.

Cooperation Accords Signed

BK181357 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] Bangladesh and Yugoslavia have signed two separate agreements on educational and cultural exchange and scientific and technical program for promotion of understanding between the two countries. The agreements were signed by Education Minister Dr A. Majid Khan and Dr Ivo Margan, member of the Federal Executive Council and chairman of the Committee for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia, on behalf of their governments at Banga Bhavan this morning.

Under the provision of the 2-year cultural and educational program, the two governments will promote understanding and cooperation between their peoples in the fields of education, culture, art, information and other related matters. The two countries will also promote cooperation between their radio and television networks.

Leaves Dacca

BK181011 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0835 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] The Yugoslav member of the Presidency [Radovan Vlajkovic] was given a hearty sendoff in Dacca this morning at the end of his official visit. President Assanuddin Chowdhury and Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt Gen H.M. Ershad were at the airport to see him off. The deputy chief martial law administrators, members of the Council of Ministers, diplomats, high civil and military officials were also present.

FORMER YOUTH MINISTER JAILED FOR AIDING CRIMINAL

BK181005 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] Former Youth Development Minister Abdul Kashem has been found guilty on charges of harboring absconding notorious criminal Imdadul Haque alias (Andes) and has been sentenced to 4 years rigorous imprisonment. The three-member special Martial Law Court No 1 Zone A, Dacca, in its unanimous judgement delivered yesterday, however, found him not guilty of the charge of preventing the law enforcement agency from arresting (Andes) and acquitted him of that charge.

BOMBAY POLICE WARNED OF INDISCIPLINE, VIOLENCE

BK181613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] With the army assisting the civilian authorities in the disturbed areas of Bombay, rapid improvement is expected in the situation by tomorrow. The state government has issued strict warnings to the agitating policemen that any act of indiscipline and violence amongst the constabulary will be dealt with with a firm hand. It appealed to the policemen to resume their duties and help the administration in bringing back the situation to normalcy. A 24-hour curfew has been clamped in the disturbed areas of central Bombay where some policemen joined by antisocial elements blocked roads and railway traffic by resorting to heavy stone throwing this morning. The Maharashtra Government suspended last night all the unions and associations of the state police constabulary. The decision followed undisciplined behaviour of policemen who wore black badges on Independence Day despite the government's appeal to refrain from such demonstrations.

The minister of state for home and information, Shrikant Jichkar, told newsmen that 90 policemen have been dismissed from service and 22 arrested under the national security act. The center has asked the Maharashtra Government to take strict action against police personnel responsible for acts of indiscipline in Bombay. An official spokesman said in New Delhi that the government is always prepared to discuss grievances, but no act of indiscipline will be tolerated. He said: As desired by the state government, some units of the central police force and border security force are being sent to Bombay.

The Maharashtra chief minister, Bhosale, met union Home Secretary T.N. Chaturvedi in New Delhi this morning and discussed the situation in the city. The home secretary later left for Bombay for making an on-the-spot study. Bhosale returned to Bombay this afternoon.

In a broadcast over All India radio [Bombay station], the chief minister appealed to the people to cooperate with the government in maintaining law and order. Bhosale said the majority of police in the state are not supporting the agitation started by a handful of police union leaders. He pointed out that the government has already announced several amenities for the police personnel and the committee appointed to examine further benefits has been asked to submit its report within 3 months. He emphasized that the Maharashtra police has a fine record which they would not tarnish because of incitement by some antisocial elements.

Army To Control Situation

BK180854 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] In Bombay, the army has been called out to keep the situation under control following demonstrations by a section of the state policemen. The demonstraton started in Dadar, Parel and Worli areas this morning. Some policemen, joined by antisocial elements, started blocking the road and suburban railway line. Demonstrations by a section of the state policemen started following the suspension of all unions and associations of the state police constabulary last night by the Maharashtra Government. The decision followed the wearing of black badges by the policemen on Independence Day. Maharashtra Minister of State for Home and Information Shrikant Jichkar told newsmen that 90 policemen have been dismissed and 22 detained under the National Security Act.

Normalcy Returning

BK190905 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 19 Aug 82

[Text] Bombay is returning to normalcy with buses, suburban trains, taxis and private cars moving freely except in the curfew-bound areas. Suburban trains were crowded as usual, according to PTI, all the international and domestic flights left Bombay Airport on schedule this morning. However, in Parel area, the central reserve police fired one round to disperse an unruly mob which indulged in stone throwing at police officers patrolling the area. One person was injured.

All India Radio Bombay correspondent says the strike call for today seem to have evoked very little response. State Home Secretary D.N. Capoor said that the siuation all over Maharashtra is normal. A spokesman of the police commissioner's office informed the All India Radio Bombay correspondent a short while ago that the curfew clamped in the central Bombay areas has been extended up to 0600 tomorrow.

Chief Minister Bhosale had discussions in Bombay last night with union Home Secretary T.N. Chaturvedi and other senior officers. The chief minister told them that the state government will take necessary steps to insure that life and property are protected. He told newsmen that the situation is under control.

HARYANA POLICE 'TROUBLEMAKERS' MAY BE SACKED

BK180957 Hong Kong AFP in English 0914 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Excerpts] New Delhi, Aug. 18 (AFP) -- Indian Army units swooped on the western port city of Bombay today following armed clashes between demonstrating policemen this morning following a rebellion call by a section of the state policemen, the state-owned radio said. Army units in full battle dress were patrolling the city streets as reports of clashes continued to pour in, Indian News Agency reports said.

Meanwhile, the pro-communist newspaper PATRIOT today reported that the Haryana state government, neighbouring New Delhi, is considering sacking about two dozen "trouble makers" in the police force who were involved in demonstrations and actions to block traffic Sunday near Madhuban, headquarters of the Haryana armed police.

A police commandant has been suspended and another one transferred in the wake of Sunday night's demonstration.

The men were demonstrating to back demands for improvements in wages and working conditions, "removal of political interference" and recognition of their union, the reports said.

Quoting reliable sources, the papers said that the policemen, most of them stationed at Madhuban, had already been identified and that "action" against them may be initiated soon. A police spokesman was quoted as saying that only a handful of "disgruntled" policemen were behind the trouble.

HIGH COURT DISMISSES CHALLENGES TO ZAIL SINGH

BK181625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] The Delhi High Court today dismissed two writ petitions challenging the election of Zail Singh as president. One petition challenged the election on the grounds that the electoral college had been improperly constituted. The other petition challenged the constitutionality of the oath of office taken by Zail Singh.

KASHMIR WORKS, POWER MINISTER SHAH RESIGNS

BK190205 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] News agencies quoted ruling national conference sources in Srinagar as saying that state Works and Power Minister G.M. Shah has resigned from the Council of Ministers. Shah is the son-in-law of Chief Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

WEST BENGAL MINISTRY PORTFOLIOS DISPUTE SETTLED

BK170359 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 17 Aug 82

[Text] In West Bengal, the dispute over bifurcation of ministerial portfolios among the ruling left front partners has been settled. The major partner in the nine-party front -- Communist Party of India-Marxist [CPI-M] -- has accepted the second proposal of the Forward Bloc Secretary Ashok Ghos in Calcutta yesterday after a meeting of the party Secretariat. He said a special meeting of the party state committee will be held today to ratify the recommendations of the Secretariat.

The CPI-M had earlier rejected the Forward Bloc's first proposal for allocation of sports portfolio to it in exchange for minor irrigation. [sentence as heard]

AKALI SIKH FRONT COURTING ARREST IN E. PUNJAB

GF161638 Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu 11 Aug 82 p 1, 6

[Text] New Delhi, 10 Aug (APP) -- The Akali Morcha [Akali Sihk front] has begun a movement of courting voluntary arrest for the past week. More than 100 Sikhs have presented themselves for arrest each day. However, the Indian mass media is ignoring this Sikh agitation. In East Punjab, the state government and several parties from the opposition have banded together against the Akali Morcha. On the 4th day of the agitation, 107 Sikh volunteers led by Hari Singh, a former member of the state legislature, presented themselves for arrest in Amritsar. Before this, the president of the Akali Dal Party, Sant Harchand Singh Linguwal, announced that the party had received solidarity messages from Sikhs residing in the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, posters in Gurmukhi script have appeared on walls in Amritsar announcing the rejection by the state Bharatiya Janta Party in a statement by its leader Dr Baldev Prakash if the Sikh invitation to Janta to side with Akali Morcha. The statement called the agitation antipeople and antistate and said that Janta will cooperate in crushing any sectarian agitation in Punjab in support of maintaining the territorial integrity of India. A leader of the Indian Communist Party [Tisa Pal Dang] has said that the Akali Morcha is being used by extremists. Several leaders of the Indian National Congress have been holding daily public meetings to denounce the Akali Morcha.

During recent agitation for the political goal of Khalistan, a separate country for the Sikhs, 1,000 persons were arrested. The agitation was joined by the Akali Dal last week after the hijacking of an Indian airliner by a Sikh. The arrested persons also include 75 Muslims. The extremist Khalsa Dal, another Sikh faction, was outlawed last May. However, the Indian Interior Ministry has admitted that the Khalistan movement is still active. The Khalsa Dal has also demanded an independent Khalistan.

HAQ NOTES 'ISLAMIZATION' STEPS, OTHER MATTERS

BK180543 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 17 Aug 82

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said the present government has created a suitable atmosphere for Islamization and the advances made in this connection during the last 5 years were more than that made during the past 30 years. In an interview with weekly 'HURMAT of Rawalpindi, he said the government has taken a number of steps for the introduction of the Islamic system. He said this is due to [words indistinct] the Zakat and Ushra systems have been introduced. He also mentioned the interest-free investment and setting up of shariat courts. The president said: Now Islam and the Islamic system is referred to not apologetically but proudly. We have restored the self-respect of the people, no matter rich or poor.

The president said he understood that a Pakistani, no matter in what condition he was living, was proud to be called a Pakistani. This was altogether different from what was the position during the past 30 years. The nation, he said, has begun its march toward its destination. The present government, he added, has been successful in giving a practical shape to the ideas which provided the basis for the establishment of Pakistan. With the grace of God, the conditions are suitable to work for the (?transformation) of our [word indistinct] and by the grace of God we will succeed.

In reply to a question, the president said many measures have been taken to protect the honor of the citizens and success has been attained to a large extent. He gave the assurance that the government will continue its efforts in this direction and remove the administrative and other flaws that may hamper fast work. We have tried to set up a base for this gradual reformation but we can succeed in this jihad only if all the people support it. I am sure that the people of Pakistan will not hesitate in any sacrifice in this regard, he added.

Referring to the economy of the country, he said we have put the ruined economy on constructive lines and local bodies elections in the country have been held after a lapse of 15 years.

About the country's foreign policy, he said we have adopted this in accordance with the national interest and wishes of the nation. One of the basic objectives of the country's foreign policy is to grow friendly ties with all neighboring countries, including the Soviet Union.

Referring to Pakistan's relations with the Soviet Union, he said we are keen to develop further bilateral relations with that country in all fields. Asked about the Afghanistan issue, he said Pakistan has been striving hard to solve the Afghan problem through peaceful means. For this purpose, Pakistan played a positive and constructive role at the recent talks in Geneva.

XINJIANG UYGUR PROVINCIAL DELEGATION ARRIVES

BK181245 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Text] A nine-member Chinese delegation led by the chairman of the people's government of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Ismail Amat, arrived in Karachi today on a 10-day visit to Pakistan.

NEPAL

YUGOSLAVIA'S VLAJKOVIC BEGINS VISIT 18 AUG

BK181515 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 18 Aug 82

[Excerpts] Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa and Radovan Vlajkovic, member of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, held talks in Katmandu this afternoon. They exchanged views on wide-ranging subjects including bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual concern, in an atmosphere of cordiality and friendship. The views expressed by them on these issues were identical. They discussed in particular the trends and developments in the Nonaligned Movement, including motives pertaining to the forthcoming summit of the heads of state and government. Both sides were in complete agreement on the need to preserve and further strengthen the basic principles and unity of the Nonaligned Movement in the interest of world peace and cooperation. The talks lasted for about 2 hours.

Earlier on arrival in Katmandu this morning, Radovan Vlajkovic was received at Tribhuvan International Airport by Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa.

Dinner Speeches Exchanged

BK190142 Hong Kong AFP in English 0118 GMT 19 Aug 82

[Text] Katmandu, Aug 18 (AFP) -- Nepalese Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa hosted a dinner tonight for Radovan Vlajkovic, a member of the Yugoslay group Presidency, and expressed satisfaction that Nepal and Yugoslavia were founder members of the Nonaligned Movement.

Mr Vlajkovic emphasized the importance of the upcoming seventh summit conference of nonaligned countries "in the present aggravated international conditions," and said the summit "can and should contribute to the surmounting of the crisis besetting the international community."

According to Mr Thapa, "the principles of nonalignment have inspired and guided us in our relations with other countries." In the background of cold war and bloc rivalries, "the Nonaligned Movement has made great strides in the last two decades and has today emerged as a powerful force in favor of world peace, cooperation and justice."

The movement has faced "many challenges from within and without. Problems such as Afghanistan, Kampuchea, the Iran-Iraq war are continuing to elude peaceful solution and recently the Lebanese people have fallen victim to a distinctive [as received] war.

"The theatres of conflicts and struggles are now located in the Third World countries, the overwhelming majority of which belong to the nonaligned family," the prime minister continued. "Such a world situation calls for greater dynamism, sense of purpose and unity among the nonaligned countries."

Mr Vlajkovic referred in his speech to the situation in the Middle East, and said a lasting solution could be reached only by "an unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied territories, the inclusion of the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in the process of solving the crisis, and respect for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people including the right to their own state.

"We are concerned very much over the extremely dangerous developments in the Middle East caused by Israel's unrestrained aggression against Lebanon, which was followed by its brutal actions against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples against whom Israel is committing genocide," Mr Vlajkovic said.

"It is high time the entire international community exerted more energetic efforts and undertook effective measures to stop Israel's aggression and force Israel to withdraw from Lebanon immediately," the Yugoslav leader said.

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 1,020 ON BATTLE SITUATION

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[Text] In His exalted name. Gunfire continued to be exchanged on most of the country's western fronts yesterday. The forces of Islam returned the enemy fire, pounding some of their positions. As a result, several trenches, foxholes and weapons bunkers of the Saddamists were destroyed and several of their troops were killed or wounded. Thanks to the intensity of our fire, the activities of the Iraqi forces in most of the country's western operational sectors were halted.

In the Marivan sector, gunfire continued to be exchanged with our forces proving superior. In the (Rushan) region, the enemy positions came under the artillery fire of our powerful combatants who silenced their artillery fire. The forces of Islam also had superior firepower in the Paveh sector.

The ground forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran fired on an enemy vehicle column along the (Susgan-Towayleh) axis, destroying one command jeep and several other vehicles and their passengers. Several vehicles were severely damaged.

Sporadic exchanges of fire continued in the southern operational sectors of the country. Our forces, while consolidating their own positions, defended the regions under their protection. Our forces fully controlled the enemy movements by carrying out reconnaissance and combative missions.

Thanks to the fire of our forces on enemy positions on the other side of Arvand Rud and along the Al-Faw-Basra highway, 1 106-mm gun and 3 trenches of the Saddamist forces were destroyed and 10 of them were killed or wounded.

Yesterday, the enemy opened heavy artillery fire on Abadan's residential areas and set fire to several places which resulted in some damage.

During the past 24 hours, the enemy's air raids on the border regions, in the western and southern parts of the country, were repulsed by the intensive fire of our air defense units and the violating planes were forced to leave the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

NAVY IN 'FULL CONTROL'; SHIPPING SAFE IN GULF

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[Text] Tehran Aug. 18 IRNA -- The commander of the Iranian Navy, Captain Afzali, today reaffirmed that international commercial shipping lines could sail safely in the north-western waterways of the Persian Gulf. He said the Iranian Navy maintained full control of the waters despite empty threats by Baghdad.

Referring to the crucial economic situation in Iraq due to the blockade of Iraqi sea-ports by the Iranian warships and the inability of Iraq in exporting oil and importing its needed items, Afzali said Iraq was trying to counterbalance its defeats by threatening the vessels which were to berth in the Iranian ports of Khark and Imam Khomeyni.

The navy commander said over 190 commercial vessels had berthed in the port of Imam Khomeyni since as well as 280 vessels which had berthed in the piers of Khark Island since March 1982. [sentence as received]

Referring to Iraqi casualties since the outbreak of the war, Afzali said the greater part of Iraqi naval force was thoroughly smashed in the first days of the war and that the Islamic Republic's Navy had ever since then kept its sovereignty on the waters.

Reaffirming that the naval force of Iran was now in a much better shape than it had been in the beginning of the war, he once more referred to the Iraqi claims as empty propaganda and reassured commercial shipping lines and governments of full naval security in the Persian Gulf water-ways under the surveillance of the Iranian Navy.

Meanwhile, in Ahvaz, the superintendent of the Khark national oil company, Ghafuri, today scoffed at Baghdad's threats of attack against vessels entering the Iranian waters in the Persian Gulf, as "empty bravado." He said by such foolish threats Baghdad sought to halt oil flow to the overseas from the Khark Island of Iran. Ghafuri said: Despite Saddam's intimidating threats, vessels to this destination had arrived on schedule and were now on a routine loading. He said the Iranian Navy had fully maintained its superiority in the Persian Gulf waters, thereby assuring maximum safety to all vessels heading for the Persian Gulf port cities of the Islamic Republic.

PARTS OF ILAM PROVINCE UNDER IRAQI OCCUPATION

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[Text] Khorramabad, Aug 18, IRNA -- Several areas including the strategic heights on Hamrein, overlooking Musian and Ein-Khosh, in Ilam Province, are still under Iraqi occupation, said the commander of the 84th Brigade of Khorramabad, Colonel Biranvand, here today.

He said despite Iraqi claims of having pulled out its troops from the Iranian territory, the said areas were still in their (?occupation) and Ein-Khosh, Musian and the city of Dehloran, in Ilam Province, were under the artillery fire of the Iraqi Army. By such fictional claims, he said, the Iraqi regime wanted to portray itself a peace-loving regime in the region.

The commander noted that during their withdrawal, the Iraqi forces had destroyed all villages and cities under their occupation and had leveled them to ground. "The best examples of their ravage," he said, "is the city of Musian, where no single residential unit has remained." The colonel further praised people's support for and their contributions to the warfronts and Iranian combatants.

74,000 IRAQI-PLANTED MINES IN IRAN DEFUSED

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[Text] According to IRNA and the Central News Unit, 44,000 antitank and antipersonnel mines planted by the Iraqi mercenary forces in various areas of Dasht-e Azadegan [formerly Dasht-e Mishan] were discovered and defused last week. The task of defusing these mines was carried out by our brothers in the demolition unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Susangerd who have been assigned this task to cleanse the Dasht-e Azadegan region from enemy's minefields.

On the basis of this report more than 30,000 antitank and antipersonnel mines, planted by the Ba'thist infidels, were also discovered and defused in the Mehran region by the self-sacrificing combatants of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps.

VELAYTI REPORTS TO CABINET; DECISIONS MADE

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[Excerpts] According to the Central News Unit, the Cabinet held a session this morning, chaired by Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi. During this session, political events in the region and current developments in the country were discussed. Then, Foreign Minister Velayti submitted a report on the latest news of the change of venue of the nonaligned conference for heads of state and foreign ministers from Baghdad to another city. He said this change of venue, which had taken place with the agreement of a majority of the member countries, is a great political defeat for the murdering Ba'thist regime of Iraq.

During today's Cabinet session, a number of single-priority [yek foriyati] proposals were appraised and approved as follows:

The sum of 5 billion rials was placed at the disposal of the fund for assisting producers of agricultural and livestock products whose products were damaged this year.

The sum of 5 billion rials was placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Roads and Transport to replace machinery and equipment used by fronts in the imposed war.

Also, (?1) billion rials was placed at the disposal of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps for expenditure arising from the imposed war.

During (?today's) Cabinet session, the prime minister said in a speech: According to information we have received, America and another country are planning to buildup the Iraqi Air Force. But no assistance and crime can save Saddam. The brave (?fast-flyers) of the air force and our pious combatants are at every instant prepared to (?crush) that American regime [of Iraq]

MUSAVI ON HUSAYN'S THREATS, CABINET, INDIA VISIT

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[Excerpt] The Central News Unit reports that Prime Minister Musavi answered questions this morning on various topics at a news conference after an earlier Cabinet session.

Regarding Saddam's threat to bomb tankers that enter the Persian Gulf for loading, the prime minister said: Saddam would not shrink from doing anything he can. Since the start of the war he has done everything in his power, and all his boasting now is completely futile. Saddam intends to undermine the security of the Persian Gulf. The prime minister added: Our country will confront these threats and will not allow an insane man who is drawing his last breath of life to endanger the interests of the (?peoples and nations) in the region. Our combatant brothers possess the power to crush any insane move, and, as they have often put this man in his place, to repeat this action once again.

Regarding future Cabinet changes and new ministerial appointments, the prime minister said: The appointment of the new ministers of guidance and of the corps will take place soon. As has already been pointed out, Cabinet changes are confined to only one or two ministries: We are expecting that as proposed by Islamic Consultative Assembly Speaker Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the position of the bill on the corps will be settled, so that we will be able, God willing, to introduce the ministers of welfare and guidance at the same time as the corps minister.

In connection with a visit to India by an Iranian parliamentary delegation, the prime minister said: India is a big nonaligned power in Asia. It has so far proved it has a relatively independent policy toward the East and the West. From the cultural viewpoint there are also many aspects common to us. Bearing in mind the Muslim minority living in India, the existence of various economic resources in India, that country's need for oil and some other commodities, as well as the fact that some of our requirements could be met by India, the Iranian delegation's visit to India could further strengthen the two countries' relations in this regard. The prime minister added: The visit took place in the context of these considerations, and it was very fruitful and productive. The political aspects of the visit are also favorable to us, including the nonconvocation of the nonaligned summit in Baghdad.

COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT IN AMOL UPRISING DENIED

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[Text] The notorious radio of the Islamic Republic yesterday reported that with the arrest of 100 members of the Union of Communists of Iran, the union, which has been responsible for Amol uprising and clashes in Abadan, has been completely eradicated. The communique read over the notorious radio quoted a source of the Prosecutor's Office of Khomeyni's revolution, and while citing the names of several of the arrested persons, the occupied radio Tehran claimed that they were American communists and had connections with Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and Mas'ud Rajavi. In this doubtful communique, the persons who, as was claimed, were leaders of the communist union, were also accused of having connections with the Arab groups in Khuzistan and antiregime groups in Kordestan and Gilan.

We might as well point out here that the claim regarding the active participation of this group in the Amol uprising has absolutely no basis and the organization or the organizations that supported the people of Amol in the Jangal incident and in the heroic uprising in Amol are still at the peak of their power and continue to engage in the struggle against the American-made mullah regime of Iran.

The Central Prosecuter's Office of the Khomeyni regime, in this doubtful communique, does not make any mention of the date, place or time of arrests of those claimed to have been leaders of the Communist Union.

MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN TACTICS

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[Text] According to our correspondent in Tehran, a communique signed by Rajavi has been distributed in the capital in which the end of the first phase of operations to overthrow Khomeyni's regime and revolutionary execution and assassination of the regime's figures has been noted and the start of the second phase of the overthrow has been announced. The second phase is intended to destroy the regime's armed forces by execution or assassination of the armed mercenary guards. The communique states: Mojahedin-e Khalq and their supporters must not struggle through large clashes or involve themselves in clashes with several others. They must kill the guards if they find them alone or in small numbers.

Our correspondent has not cited an example of the new technique of Mojahedin-e Khalq in their armed struggle in his report nor has their office in Paris officially confirmed the publication of this communique. The Free Voice of Iran notes that the communique may be related to a recent BBC interview with Rajavi. In that interview he talked about a change in tactics in the struggle against the Khomeyni regime.